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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF SOVIET TRAWLER

REF: PORT MORESBY 1147

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, (NMFS), NOAA,
COMMERCE WAS GREATLY INTERESTED IN THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM.
THE TRAWLER PUSHCHINO IS A MEDIUM SIDE REFRIGERATED TRAWL-
ER (SRTM CLASS) BUILT IN 1972 IN THE SOVIET UNION WITH A
CAPACITY OF 699 GROSS REGISTERED TONS. THE SRTM CLASS IS
EXTENSIVELY USED IN SOVIET FISHERIES RESEARCH. A BRANCH OF
THE ALL-UNION FISHERIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN MOSCOW
(VNIRO) IS LOCATED IN VLADIVOSTOK. ITS NAME IS TINRO
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(PACIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES AND OCEANOGRAPHY).
SOVIET FISHERY RESEARCH VESSELS OFTEN CALL AT FIJI, SO IT

IS POSSIBLE THAT THE PUSHCHINO WAS ON A RESEARCH EXPEDITION.

2. NMFS DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE VESSEL WAS SEIZED. WAS SHE FISHING WITHIN THE 12 MILE FISHING ZONE, OR WAS THERE SOME OTHER REASON? IT ALSO SEEMS THAT AFTER 15 HOURS OF "INSTRUCTIONS TO STOP" AND WHAT WOULD APPEAR TO BE HOT PURSUIT, THE SOVIETS WOULD HAVE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO NOT ONLY STOW AWAY THE NETS AND EQUIPMENT, BUT EVEN TO HAVE THEM DRIED SO THAT NO EVIDENCE OF FISHING WOULD BE AVAILABLE UPON BOARDING.

3. IN THE FUTURE, NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY LOCAL NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS ON SEIZURES OF FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS OFF THE PNG COAST. SUCH CLIPPINGS CAN BE POUCHED TO THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES (F41), (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20235 KISSINGER

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